

BRIEFS AND PERSONALS.

NEWSY NOTES AND GOSSIP.

Visitors to the City-Bureau Notes-Several couples-Legislative Sessions-The Tobacco Convention, &c.

John L. Roper, Esq., of Norfolk, is at Ford's.

Mrs. H. S. Trout, of Roanoke City, is at Ford's.

R. M. Booker and wife, of Hampton, are at Ford's.

Arthur S. Segar and wife, of Hampton, are at Ford's.

Governor and Mrs. Lee attended the opera Friday night.

The Friday German meets Friday night at Senger Hall.

Miss Hewitt is visiting Miss Langhorne, 701 west Grace street.

The Governor hasn't appointed his aides yet. Who will they be?

Miss Ann W. Carter will be the guest of Mrs. James Dooley this week.

Miss Oates will soon leave Richmond to visit friends in Baltimore.

Dr. George B. Steele, who has been ill, is improving and was out last week.

Miss Price, of Albemarle, is visiting Miss Langhorne, 701 west Grace street.

Mr. LeQueux, who represents J. C. McAndrew, of New York, is in the city.

Miss Little Bullock, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mrs. Ballou, No. 1 Clay street.

Miss Warwick, of Lynchburg, is visiting Miss Langhorne, 701 west Grace street.

Hon. A. M. Kelley is practicing law in New York, and writes that he is doing well.

One of the most charming ladies now visiting the city is Mrs. Roy Shield, of Norfolk.

Miss Warwick, of Lynchburg, is visiting Mrs. Byrd Warwick, of Franklin street.

General Thomas L. Rosser's little daughter, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

Miss Grace Adams, of Maryland, has decided to remain in the city a few days longer.

Miss Cora Bransford, of Lynchburg, is visiting Miss Kate Childrey, of south Fifth street.

Miss Baker, of Washington, who has been visiting Miss Gay Miller, has returned home.

Miss Helen Skipwith is visiting her uncle, Mr. Gray Skipwith, of west Franklin street.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pizzini, Jr., celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage recently.

Miss Belle Thatcher, of Philadelphia, is in the city visiting Miss Sadie Habington, 77 west Clay street.

Misses Speed and Phillips, of Louisville, Ky., are the guests of Mrs. R. M. Quarles, 901 West Union.

Professor C. H. Winston, who has been quite sick for several days, is much better and out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Hedges, of New York City, are at the Linden. Mrs. Hedges was formerly of Kentucky.

Miss Lyman, of Baltimore, who has been visiting Mrs. G. A. Cunningham, left for home on Wednesday.

Mrs. Heaton, wife of Dr. A. Heaton, and daughter, Miss Marie Heaton, of Detroit, Mich., are at the Linden.

Soon the older of the bachelors will be taking a glimpse of the northern beauties who will adorn the Hygiea.

The out-going mail from Richmond is larger than it has been for several years, which shows an increase of business.

Miss Josephine Mayo, of Montreal, Canada, is visiting her uncle, T. T. Mayo, Esq., 314 south Fourth street.

Mr. Albert Whittin, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Hale, of Franklin county, Va., have been in the city this week.

Miss Juliet G. Carter, of King William county, is in the city, visiting Mrs. T. G. Peyton, 409 east Franklin street.

Miss Dull, of Harrisburg, Pa., who has been visiting Mrs. George A. Cunningham, left for her home Thursday.

One of the most active of the older gentlemen in town is Colonel Sheridan McKee, who is in his eighty-first year.

Miss Georgine Willes, of Orange county, who has been visiting Miss Anna Boykin, returned home last Tuesday.

Dr. A. E. Dickinson is in Pittsylvania county attending a meeting of the ministers and deacons of the Roanoke Association.

Dr. J. William Jones and Rev. Carter Helm Jones are at Louisa Court-house attending a ministers' and deacons' meeting.

The "Mikado Tea" in Pace's Block for the Park-Place Methodist church has been very successful. All the Yum-Yums were "petty sins."

Personal-property interrogatories are being sent out to the commissioners of the revenue, preparatory to the assessment of taxes for 1886.

Marriages and parties seemed to have run around this week, but society has been resting only, and it will break out afresh as Lent draws near.

Ed. Glenn, who has played left field for the Virginia so well for several years, will report to the Pittsburgh Club on the 25th of March.

A resolution will be offered at the next meeting of the Manchester Council to connect the police departments of the two cities with a private wire.

Mr. Ashton Starke, member of the House from this city, entertained a number of the members of the Legislature at his house Friday night.

Howard Winston, of Winnipeg, formerly of this city, is here on a visit to friends, and will remain in the city during the remainder of the winter.

Mr. T. Freeman and bride have been spending their honeymoon in Florida and New Orleans, and are now at Mr. Freeman's old home, in Macon, Ga.

Mr. France, lately of Asheville, N. C., recently elected a member of the Richmond Tobacco Trade, has left the city, and may be expected here next week with his bride, a charming western lady.

The Turkish tramps, who have located themselves on the other side of the James, make predatory raids on this city and very often offend the fastidious eyes by the unclean condition of their persons.

There are in a building in an up-town neighborhood a colored church, a bar-room, and an undertaker's shop—a rare conglomeration—the like of which is, perhaps, not to be found in another city in the Union.

Theatres are now being taxed on the property \$10 a week or \$3 a night, and 1 per cent. on the gross receipts. The bill offered by Major Patton this week in the House proposes to take off the 1

per cent. It would seem the other tax is enough.

General Eppa Hunton was at the Capitol yesterday.

Good investments in real estate are eagerly sought for.

Mrs. H. H. Downing, of Front Royal, is at the Exchange.

There is great suffering amongst the needy poor at this time.

Mrs. Van Doran, of Albemarle, is the guest of Mrs. L. L. Maury.

S. Dean and J. A. Kelly, of Henderson, N. C., are at the Exchange.

Dr. J. P. Gilliam, treasurer of Chesterfield, was in the city last week.

W. S. Catlett, Esq., clerk of the Second Market, continues very ill.

Mr. Edward Gurney and wife, of Toronto, Canada, are at the Exchange.

Senator McCormick is still detained at home on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Walter K. Martin was out again Friday, and was greeted by his many friends.

Miss Mary W. Woolfolk, of Caroline county, Va., is a guest of Mrs. Mann S. Quarles.

The value of real estate is said to be looking up in the northwestern section of the city.

Mr. James A. Allison has recently returned from a trip of several months' duration in Europe.

Mr. R. H. Dibley, who has been confined to his room for some time by sickness, is much better.

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Mr. John Anderson, of Fronton, O., is stopping at the Exchange.

Rev. Dr. John Pollard will deliver a sermon this morning on temperance and legislation.

Mr. William Eaker, of Danville, formerly of this city, was in the city yesterday on business.

Rev. Dr. Drew left the city yesterday to preach at the Miller school, in Albemarle, to-day.

Miss Carrie McKinney, of Bowling Green, who has been visiting friends in this city, returned home Wednesday.

The work on Park-Place church is progressing rapidly, and the church will be ready for use some time in April.

A good deal of snow fell yesterday, but it did the boys no good. It was gone before they could get their sleds.

Lee Camp has given to the Jackson Memorial Association of Lexington, Va., a handsome bronze clock, valued at \$75.

Miss Peggie S. Bigger, daughter of J. Bell Bigger, Esq., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. James T. Ladd, Ninth and Clay streets.

The bad weather is greatly delaying new contracts for buildings. Several fine structures will be erected in the spring.

The special committee to visit the Virginia Military Institute, of which Senator Jones is chairman, left for Lexington last night.

The outlook for building on Church Hill this year is very good. Property in that locality finds ready tenants at remunerative rates.

Mr. J. G. France, who was married last Wednesday to one of Covington's (Ky.) charming daughters, will beat the Exchange this week.

Dr. Bohannon, member of the House from Mathews, has a son who is assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Virginia.

Ben. P. Owen, Jr., of the State staff, is the stenographer for the committee now investigating the affairs of the Williamsburg asylum.

W. A. Hudson, Esq., of Staunton, was in the city last week. He is the attorney in the settlement of the accounts of J. M. Carroll, late treasurer of Staunton.

Rev. J. T. Dickinson has accepted the call to the North-Orange Baptist church in New Jersey, and will enter upon the discharge of his duties the first Sunday in March.

The ice as it broke up and floated past the city on Friday morning presented a novel and lovely appearance, and many persons sought positions where it could be seen to the best advantage.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Tomlinson have a delightful entertainment at their residence, 663 north Fourth street, to a few of their young friends last Thursday night. Music from 10 to 12.

The Richmond Fox-Hunting Club have the largest pack of hounds in the city of Richmond and its suburbs. Their dogs are of the purest strains, and are dead-sure to catch a fox.

The Commercial Club intend moving up near the Mozart Hall. A meeting will be held this coming week by the Board of Directors recently elected to take such action as may be best.

Parties seeking to have their assessments reduced have been making work for the assessors this week in the Hustings Court. The petitions asking reduction are not all granted by a great deal.

Captain J. V. Biddgood, of Company C, declined to allow his brother officers to promote him to major. He is unwilling to leave his company. The search after a good major is now being made.

Captain C. H. Epps is considered the best bird-shot on Shockoe Hill. John Pierce and Polk Miller are also excellent shots, while John Frickerson carries away the palm and birds for the East-End folks.

Mr. W. H. Verby and wife, who were married a few weeks ago and have been on an extended tour in the North, are at the Exchange. Mr. Verby has for many years been connected with the Hygiea Hotel.

General C. H. Anderson, after attending the ball given in Alexandria to the Misses Ross on Wednesday, visited Woodstock and Charlottesville in the interest of the Second and Third regiments of his brigade.

Mrs. James H. Dooley will have a reception on the night of February 24th from 9 to 11 o'clock. It is to be given to her niece, Miss Elvina Atkinson, of Staunton. Invitations are out for four hundred people.

Professor W. W. Smith, of Ashland, was in the House of Delegates yesterday, and listened attentively to the debate on "local option." He is one of the most earnest temperance men in the State, and formerly edited the *Crusader*, the organ of the Local-Optionists.

Fred. McC. Chapman, son of Rev. A. Chapman, of Maine, student of New York University, and in this city, is a private student of Drs. G. B. and Charles L. Steel in dentistry and medicine, left for his home, under the care of Dr. Charles L. Steel, last evening on account of ill health.

Elliott F. Smith and bride, of New York, passed through the city Wednesday last on a bridal tour. Mr. Smith is a gentleman of large means and is a thorough sportsman. He is known to many gentlemen here whom he met while hunting. He is a prominent member of the New York Kennel Club, and takes great interest in the annual bench-shows in New York.

There is no community that boasts of more churches going to ruin than this city. The Grace-Street Presbyterian is thought by some to be the handsomest. The Seventh-Street Christian church has no lack of admirers. So with St. Paul's. It is thought by some that when the Park-Place church is completed it will be the most stately in appearance and imposing in architectural design.

The following gentlemen registered at the Tobacco Exchange on the 24th: H. McSweeney, Washington, D. C.; A. K. Andrews, Roanoke, Va.; C. C. Warden, Bremen, Germany; W. D. Thacker, River View, Va.; C. C. Jones, River View, Va.; C. H. Palmer, Abilene, Texas. The latter is good authority on Texas land investments, and is brother-in-law of Mr. Silas S. Sells, the tobacco commission merchant.

The average society-man in Richmond takes very kindly to the young ladies from across the line in North Carolina. They are always belles in our city, and their beauty entitles them to that glory without a doubt. Instead of the two Governors appointing a commission to define the boundary lines, they had better consolidate in land as they have in love.

Mr. Keen, of the firm of Joseph Davis & Co., of Boston, proprietors of the shoe-factory at the penitentiary, was here last week to ascertain as far as practicable what the feeling was relative to their contract with the State.

It has been reported that they would ask the Legislature to release them. This report is not true.

Miss Mattie Fletcher, of Accomack county, is the guest of Mr. Antrim, of 915 east Marshall street.

Mr. Dallam Barksdale and wife have returned from their bridal tour South, and are at the Exchange.

Senator and Mrs. J. Singleton Diggs will spend the winter with R. L. Noel, Esq., No. 3 east Main street.

Judge L. L. Lewis, H. C. Chamblin, and John Chamblin are among the best gentlemen drivers in the city.

Misses Pearl and Ruby Boleker are just completing a row of very pretty dwellings on east Grace street.

The streets in the northern part of the city are in a very bad condition; so much so that it is next to impossible for a pedestrian to cross them.

Mr. McCann, one of the oldest and best-known residents of Oregon Hill, died suddenly Friday of heart-disease. He was over sixty years of age.

With the opening of the season work will be resumed on Chimborazo and Marshall Parks, and they will both be greatly improved and embellished.

A lady was observed yesterday closely searching the mud-pond at the Main-street car-terminus. It was rumored she was looking for a lost child.

The new site for the small-pox hospital is one of the most secluded spots in Henrico county. It is two miles and a half from the city, and was the property of C. Y. Morris, Esq.

The new zouave company now in process of formation number nearly sixty. They will adopt the regular zouave uniform for company purposes and will attach themselves to the regiment.

A water-lily (*Nymphaea odorata*) in the pool around the fountain in Marshall Park attracted so much attention that Mr. H. H. Huggins, the keeper, intends putting down several more roots in the spring.

Miss Ann Judson Gordon, of Fredericksburg, is spending a few days with her friends, Mrs. M. L. Garnett and daughters, 208 south Third street, prior to her departure for Georgia, where she will remain several months.

Mr. William C. Ludwig, son of the late Charles L. Ludwig, Vice-Consul of Sweden and Norway, is now private secretary of General G. W. C. Lee while he is pursuing his studies at the Washington and Lee University.

The recent rains and snows caused a large landslide in the cut on Twenty-third street between Broad and Grace. This has always been regarded a dangerous place, and the city should take proper precaution to protect passers-by.

There is an abundance of money here to lend on real estate. Where the security is good the rate of interest is higher than it should be, owing to the fact that the annual tax on notes secured by deeds of trust is imposed. Lenders say that it is unfair to tax a note secured on a deed of trust, as the property that is thus taxed is taxed twice.

The Leifers' Club is still in a flourishing condition. At a late meeting it was thrown into consternation by the announcement that times were improving and that there was a prospect of work. A member was soundly berated for seeking employment in the service of the city, but as he did not get the office, he was told to go and "sin no more."

Mr. S. S. Patterson, a well-known lawyer of this city, last fall went west to seek a home. He is satisfied that the West offers more chances than this city, and that people live on